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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: POSITION OF HADDAD/SHIDIAK

SUMMARY: IN EXCHANGE FOR PERMISSION FOR UNIFIL DEPLOYMENT AT LIMITED NUMBER OF SITES AND CONTROL OF CERTAIN VILLAGES, HADDAD AND SHIDIAK HAVE PROPOSED ERSKINE SIGN AN 18-POINT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. ERSKINE HAS REFERRED TEXT TO UNNY FOR INSTRUCTIONS. WHILE STATING RELUCTANCE TO SIGN A DOCUMENT, HE HAS INDICATED HIS BELIEF HE SHOULD GO ALONG WITH VERY MINOR CHANGES. ERSKINE HAS ALSO URGED HADDAD TO REFER MATTER TO LAF HQ IN BEIRUT. UN SOURCE IN JERUSALEM BELIEVES TEXT GOES TOO FAR AND SEES IDF'S HAND IN POSITIONS ADOPTED BY CHRISTIAN LEADERS. END SUMMARY

1. RELIABLE UN SOURCE HAS GIVEN US TEXT OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT BY ERSKINE TO URQUHART IN NEW YORK MORNING OF JUNE 13:

2. QUOTE: I HAVE JUST RECEIVED FROM HADDAD THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH IDF AND HADDAD/SHIDIAK ARE PROPOSING. I HAVE INFORMED THEM THAT I AM NOT AUTHORIZED TO  
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ENTER INTO WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORIZATION FROM UN HEADQUARTERS.

FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF MEMORANDUM: THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAIN POINTS AGREED BETWEEN UNIFIL COMMANDER, MAJOR GENERAL E.A. ERSKINE AND THE COMMANDERS OF THE EASTERN AND WESTERN SECTIONS OF SOUTH LEBANON, MAJOR SAAD HADDAD AND MAJOR SAMI

SHIDIAK. THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE AGREED UPON DURING A MEETING BETWEEN THE ABOVE MENTIONED AND IN THE PRESENCE OF CC NORTHERN COMMAND, IDF, MAJOR GENERAL Y. BEN GAL:

(1) UNIFIL'S INTENTIONS ARE TO ESTABLISH SECURITY AND LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY SOUTH OF THE LITANI.

(2) THE DEPLOYMENT OF UNIFIL ON 13 JUNE WILL BE IN AREAS UNDER THE COMMAND OF LEBANESE ARMY OFFICERS REPRESENTING THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON.

(3) THE DEPLOYMENT OF A NEW UNIFIL FORCE IS TO PROVE THAT THE FORCE HAS ACCOMPLISHED PROGRESS, AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL COMMANDERS. UNIFIL WILL PATROL THE AREA, MAINTAIN OPS AND SMALL CONTINGENTS CLOSE TO THE LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER.

(4) DECLARED BY MAJGEN ERSKINE THAT UNIFIL WILL NOT FIGHT ESTABLISH ROAD BLOCKS OR DISARM LEGITIMATE LEBANESE FORCES OR PUT ANY OBSTACLES TO ACTIVITIES AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF THE FORCES UNDER THE COMMAND OF MAJORS HADDAD AND SHIDIAK IN AREAS NOW UNDER THEIR COMMAND AND CONTROL.

(5) A LEBANESE OFFICER OF THE HADDAD/SHIDIAK FORCES WILL ACT AS LO TO UNIFIL AT NAQOURA.

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(6) A JOINT COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK TO COORDINATE AND CONTINUE NEGOTIATION FOR CONTINUED CO-EXISTENCE.

(7) UNIFIL WILL PATROL THE SOUTH LEBANESE ROAD ALONG THE LEBANESE-ISRAEL BORDER WITH INDEPENDENT PATROL WHICH WILL BE FULLY AUTHORIZED AND COORDINATED BY THE LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDERS AND ESCORTED AT AN AGREED DISTANCE BY AN INDEPENDENT LEBANESE PATROL OR BETWEEN AGREED LEBANESE CHECKPOINTS. THE AMOUNT, SIZE AND EQUIPMENT OF UNIFIL PATROLS WILL BE DECIDED UPON AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

(8) UNIFIL OFFICERS ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEBANESE FORCES COMMANDERS WILL, AFTER COORDINATION, BE ABLE TO VISIT ANY PLACE IN THE AREAS HELD BY MAJORS HADDAD AND SHIDIAK.

(9) UNIFIL OFFICERS ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LEBANESE FORCES COMMANDERS WILL, FROM TIME TO TIME, INSPECT THE "GOOD FENCE" GATES.

(10) GEN ERSKINE GAVE HIS WORD OF HONOR AND MADE A COMMITMENT NOT TO ACT BY ANY MEANS AGAINST THE "GOOD FENCE" GATES AND POLICY.

(11) MAJORS HADDAD AND SHIDIAK WILL COORDINATE AND EXECUTE A SIMILAR SYSTEM OF SENDING OFFICIAL MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE WITH UNIFIL FORCES TO ANY AREA UNDER UNIFIL RESPONSIBILITY.

(12) OFFICIAL LEBANESE GENDARMES NOW UNDER THE COMMAND OF MAJORS HADDAD AND SHIDIAK WILL ACT IN THE AREA AS A LEGITIMATE POLICE FORCE.

(13) THE GOOD SERVICES OF THE IDF REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE USED WHEN NECESSARY DURING THE PROCESS OF THE DEVELOPING RELATIONS OR IN THE TIME OF CRISIS.

(14) MAJORS HADDAD AND SHIDIAK WILL HAND OVER TO UNIFIL  
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OPS POSITIONS AND THE CONTROL OF VILLAGES ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING LIST:

(A) THE HILLY AREA BETWEEN THE VILLAGES OF HAMMAN AND MAZRAAT ISLMIYE.

(B) NADAA ABAL (NORTH OF EL KHIAM).

(C) TELL AKUSH.

(D) EL KHZAIBE

(E) DEIR MINESS MONASTERY

(F) BLATE

(G) TELL SHAKHRUD

(H) POSITION UNDER HOULE-SHAQHA ROAD (PLATOON BASE)

(I) POSITION WEST OF BLIDA

(J) VILLAGE OF MHAIBEB (PLATOON BASE)

(K) DELEGATION BASE IN BENT JBAIL

(L) VILLAGE OF BAYT YAHUN (PLATOON BASE)

(M) VILLAGE OF AT TIRI (PLATOON BASE)

(N) ROAD JUNCTION AL JIBRAYM

(O) SHIHIN

(P) SHAMA (PLATOON BASE)

(Q) RAS AL BAYYADAH (PLATOON BASE)

(R) HAMRA BRIDGE (PLATOON BASE)

(15) UNIFIL WILL STRENGTHEN OPS ON LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER WITH AN INFANTRY SQUAD IN EACH OP.

(16) THE IRISH BATT CP WILL BE BASED IN TIBNIN.

(17) NO CHANGE IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF MAJORS HADDAD'S AND SHIDIAK'S MILITARY UNITS.

(18) CHANGES WILL BE AGREED UPON DURING FUTURE MEETINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS. UNQUOTE

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3. COMMENT: "JOINT COMMITTEE" REFERRED TO IN SUB-PARA SIX  
ABOVE IS A COORDINATING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF TWO UNIFIL  
OFFICERS, HADDAD, SHIDIAK AND IDF COL YORHAM HAMIZRACHI  
(THE IDF LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE CHRISTIANS). THIS WAS  
AGREED TO WITHOUT REFERENCE TO NEW YORK AND SEEMS A BIT ODD  
SINCE IT DOESN'T CONTAIN A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOL. BOTH  
MEMORANDUM AND COMMITTEE PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING FORMAL ROLE  
FOR GOL.  
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